

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled)

10. (New) A filter for internal combustion engine liquids, comprising a casing (2) containing a toroidal filter cartridge (3) which separates the casing cavity into two chambers (21, 22) for passage of the liquid to be filtered and passage of the filtered liquid respectively; a removable cover (4) closing said cavity and comprising the inlet and outlet conduits for the liquid; the region of the cover facing the casing being connected to the facing end of the cartridge by a snap connection system comprising two complementary parts (10, 111) which are associated with the cover and with the cartridge respectively, and can be connected together by axially sliding said cartridge, characterised in that part (10) of the system associated with the cartridge is located within the central compartment of this latter, and that part (111) of the system associated with the cover comprises longitudinal elastic tangs (112) suitable to be axially

inserted into that part associated with the cartridge and coupled thereto, and to be rotated of a predetermined angle to be released there from.

11. (New) A filter as claimed in claim 10, characterised in that that system part (10) installed on the cartridge comprises an annular body (100), a part of which is inserted into said central compartment, where it provides the receiving seat for the snap connection of the part (111) installed on the cover.

12. (New) A filter as claimed in claim 11, characterised in that said receiving seat comprises a circumferential series of equidistant recesses (104) which are provided along the free edge of said annular body part inserted into said central compartment.

13. (New) A filter as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that each portion of the annular body (100) between two recesses (104) comprise a depressed curved transverse surface (106) provided on the inner cylindrical surface of the annular body and having its centre of curvature outside the longitudinal axis thereof so as to present a depth

which, starting from a side of the respective recess, decrease until it becomes zero before reaching the next recess.

14. (New) A filter as claimed in claim 13, characterised in that beyond the zero-depth end of said depressed curved surface and spaced from it, the annular body presents an internal abutment (105) which defines said predetermined angle for releasing the cartridge.

15. (New) A filter as claimed in claim 14, characterized in that that snap connection of the part (111) associated with the cover comprises a projecting sleeve which is intended to be inserted practically as an exact fit into said annular body, and from the free end of which there branch a number of longitudinal tangs (112) equal to the number of recesses (104) of said annular body, each tang being provided with an outer terminal tooth (113) to engage the bottom edge of the respective recess.

16. (New) A filter as claimed in claim 13, characterized in that that snap connection of the part (111) associated with the cover comprises a projecting sleeve which is intended to be inserted practically as an exact fit into said annular body, and from the free end of which there branch

a number of longitudinal tangs (112) equal to the number of recesses (104) of said annular body, each tang being provided with an outer terminal tooth (113) to engage the bottom edge of the respective recess.

17. (New) A filter as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that that snap connection of the part (111) associated with the cover comprises a projecting sleeve which is intended to be inserted practically as an exact fit into said annular body, and from the free end of which there branch a number of longitudinal tangs (112) equal to the number of recesses (104) of said annular body, each tang being provided with an outer terminal tooth (113) to engage the bottom edge of the respective recess.

18. (New) A filter as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that that snap connection of the part (111) associated with the cover comprises a projecting sleeve which is intended to be inserted practically as an exact fit into said annular body, and from the free end of which there branch a number of longitudinal tangs (112) equal to the number of recesses (104) of said annular body, each tang being provided with an outer terminal tooth (113) to engage the bottom edge of the respective recess.

19. (New) A filter as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that that snap connection of the part (111) associated with the cover comprises a projecting sleeve which is intended to be inserted practically as an exact fit into said annular body, and from the free end of which there branch a number of longitudinal tangs (112) equal to the number of recesses (104) of said annular body, each tang being provided with an outer terminal tooth (113) to engage the bottom edge of the respective recess.